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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

LUXOTTICA GROUP S.p.A., an Italian Corporation,

Civil Action No.

Plaintiff,

v.

OLD TIME PHOTO LLC, a New Jersey Limited Liability Company; and DOES 1-10, inclusive,

Defendants.

**COMPLAINT**

(Jury Trial Demanded)

**Plaintiff Luxottica Group S.p.A.** for its claims against **Defendant Old Time Photo LLC** respectfully alleges as follows:

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. Luxottica Group S.p.A. (“Plaintiff” or “Luxottica”) bring this action against defendant Old Time Photo LLC (“Defendant”) Under the Lanham Trademark Act of 1946, 15 U.S.C. § 1051 et seq. (the “Lanham Act”), and related claims under the statutory and common law of the state of New Jersey. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the Federal trademark infringement and trademark dilution claims under 28 U.S.C §§ 1121(a), 1331, 1338(a), and 1367.

2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the remaining claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367, since those claims are related to and arise from the same set of facts as Plaintiff's Lanham Act claims.

3. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant conducts business in this judicial district.

4. This action arises out of wrongful acts by Defendant within this judicial district. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because the claims asserted arise in this district.

#### **THE PARTIES**

5. Luxottica is a corporation duly organized under the laws of Italy with its principal place of business in Milan, Italy and an office located at 4000 Luxottica Place, Mason, Ohio 45040-8114. Luxottica is, in part, engaged in the business of producing, manufacturing and distributing throughout the world, including within this judicial district, premium, luxury and sports eyewear products under federally registered trademarks, including but not limited to the Ray-Ban® family of marks.

6. Upon information and belief, Defendant is a New Jersey Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business located at 216 Boardwalk, Seaside Heights, New Jersey 08751.

7. Luxottica is unaware of the names and true capacities of Defendants, whether individual, corporate and/or partnership entities, named herein as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, and therefore sues them by their fictitious names. Luxottica will seek leave to amend this complaint when their true names and capacities are ascertained. Luxottica is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that said Defendant and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, are in some manner responsible for the wrongs alleged herein, and that at all times referenced each was the agent and servant of the other Defendant and was acting within the course and scope of said agency and employment.

8. Luxottica is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that at all relevant times herein, Defendant knew or reasonably should have known of the acts and behavior alleged herein and the damages caused thereby, and by their inaction ratified and encouraged such acts and behavior. Luxottica further alleges that Defendant had a non-delegable duty to prevent such acts and the behavior described herein, which duty Defendant failed and/or refused to perform.

**ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION**

**A. Luxottica's World Famous RAY-BAN® Brand and its Products**

9. Luxottica is engaged in the manufacture, marketing and sale of premium, luxury and sports eyewear throughout the world. Luxottica's proprietary brands include Ray-Ban, the world's most famous sun eyewear brand, as well as Oakley, Vogue Eyewear, Persol, Oliver Peoples, Alain Mikli and Arnette.

10. Through its affiliates and subsidiaries, Luxottica operates over 7,000 optical and sun retail stores, including LensCrafters, Pearle Vision and ILORI in North America, OPSM and Laubman & Pank in Asia-Pacific, LensCrafters in China, GMO in Latin America and Sunglass Hut worldwide.

11. Ray-Ban® products are distributed and sold through its optical and sun specialty retail stores, authorized retail and department stores throughout the United States, including New York, and reach customers nationally and internationally online at [www.ray-ban.com](http://www.ray-ban.com).

12. Luxottica is the owner of various trademarks under the Ray-Ban® brand, including but not limited to the following United States Trademark Registrations (collectively "Ray-Ban Marks"):

Trademark	Registration No.	Good And Services
	650,499	sunglasses, shooting glasses, and ophthalmic lenses, in class 26.
	1,093,658	ophthalmic products and accessories – namely, sunglasses; eyeglasses; spectacles; lenses and frames for sunglasses, eyeglasses, spectacles and goggles; and cases and other protective covers for sunglasses, eyeglasses, spectacles in class 9.
	1,726,955	bags; namely, tote, duffle and all-purpose sports bags, in class 18.  cloths for cleaning ophthalmic products, in class 21.  clothing and headgear; namely, hats, in class 25.
<b>RAY-BAN</b>	1,080,886	ophthalmic products and accessories – namely, sunglasses; eyeglasses; spectacles; lenses and frames for sunglasses, eyeglasses, spectacles – in class 9.
	1,490,305	clothing, namely, t-shirts, in class 25.
	2,718,485	goods made of leather and imitation leather, namely, wallets, card cases for business cards, calling cards, name cards and credit cards in class 18.  clothing for men and women, namely, polo shirts; headgear, namely, berets and caps.
	1,320,460	sunglasses and carrying cases there for, in class 9.

	3,522,603	sunglasses, eyeglasses, lenses for eyeglasses, eyeglasses frames, cases for eyeglasses, in class 9.
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13. Luxottica has expended substantial time, money, and other resources in developing, advertising, and otherwise promoting the Ray-Ban Marks. As a result, products bearing the Ray-Ban Marks are widely recognized and exclusively associated by consumers, the public, and the trade as being high quality eyewear products sourced from Luxottica. The Ray-Ban Marks qualify as “famous marks” as defined in 15 U.S.C. §1125(c)(1).

14. Luxottica has long been manufacturing and selling in interstate commerce eyewear under the Ray-Ban Marks. These registrations are valid and the majority are incontestable.

15. The Ray-Ban Marks have never been abandoned and are a symbol of Luxottica’s quality, reputation, and goodwill.

16. Accordingly, the Ray-Ban Marks have achieved secondary meaning as an identifier of high quality eyewear.

#### **B. Defendant’s Infringing Activities**

17. The present action arises from the importation, manufacture, production, distribution, advertisement, marketing, offering for sale and/or sale of products bearing counterfeit reproductions of the Ray-Ban Marks (“Counterfeit Products”) by Defendant.

18. In or around July 2015, Luxottica’s investigators discovered the sale of Counterfeit Products by Defendant.

19. Defendant has never been authorized by Luxottica to manufacture, sell, or offer for sale products bearing any of its trademarks. Moreover, Defendant has never been a licensee of Luxottica and has never been licensed in any manner to import, sell,

distribute, or manufacture any merchandise bearing the Ray-Ban Marks.

20. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant thereto, Defendant has had full knowledge of Luxottica's ownership of the Ray-Ban Marks, including its exclusive right to use and license such intellectual property and the goodwill associated therewith.

21. Upon information and belief, Defendant has engaged in the aforementioned infringing activities knowingly and intentionally or with reckless disregard or willful blindness to Luxottica's rights for the purpose of trading off the goodwill and reputation of Luxottica. If Defendant's willful infringing activities are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined by this Court, Luxottica and the consuming public will be damaged.

22. Defendant's above-identified infringing activities are likely to cause confusion, deception and mistake in the minds of consumers, the public and the trade. Moreover, the wrongful conduct alleged herein is likely to create a false impression and deceive customers, the public and the trade into believing that there is a connection or association between Luxottica's genuine goods and Defendant's Counterfeit Products.

### **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### **Federal Trademark Infringement**

#### **(Federal Trademark Infringement - 15 U.S.C. § 1114)**

23. Luxottica incorporates herein by reference the averments of the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

24. The Ray-Ban Marks are nationally recognized, including within this judicial district, as being affixed to goods and merchandise of the highest quality and coming from Luxottica.

25. The registrations embodying the Ray-Ban Marks are in full force and effect and Luxottica has authorized responsible manufacturers and vendors to sell merchandise with these marks.

26. Defendant's unauthorized use of the Ray-Ban Marks in interstate commerce and advertising relating to same constitutes false designation of origin and a false representation that its goods are manufactured, offered, sponsored, authorized, licensed by or otherwise connected with Luxottica or come from the same source as Luxottica's goods and are of the same quality as that assured by the Ray-Ban Marks.

27. Defendant's infringing use of the Ray-Ban Marks is without Luxottica's permission or authority and in total disregard of Luxottica's rights to control its intellectual property.

28. Defendant's activities are likely to lead to and result in confusion, mistake or deception, and are likely to cause the public to believe that Luxottica has produced, sponsored, authorized, licensed or is otherwise connected or affiliated with Defendant's commercial and business activities, all to the detriment of Luxottica.

29. Upon information and belief, Defendant's acts are deliberate and intended to confuse the public as to the source of Defendant's goods or services and to injure Luxottica and reap the benefit of Luxottica's goodwill associated with the Ray-Ban Marks.

30. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's willful and unlawful conduct, Luxottica has been injured and will continue to suffer injury to its business and reputation unless Defendant is restrained by this Court from infringing upon the Ray-Ban Marks. Defendant's acts have damaged and will continue to damage Luxottica.

31. Luxottica has no adequate remedy at law.

32. In light of the foregoing, Luxottica is entitled to injunctive relief and to recover from Defendant all damages, including attorney's fees, that Luxottica has sustained and will sustain as a result thereof, in an amount not yet known, as well as the costs of this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), attorneys' fees and treble damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(b), and/or statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(c).

## SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### **False Designation of Origin and Unfair Competition**

**(15 U.S.C. §1125(a))**

33. Luxottica incorporates herein by reference the averments of the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

34. Defendant's unauthorized use of the Ray-Ban Marks on infringing merchandise in interstate commerce and advertising relating to same constitutes false designation of origin and false representation that its goods are manufactured, offered, sponsored, authorized, licensed by or otherwise connected with Luxottica or come from Luxottica when in fact they do not.

35. Defendant's use of the Ray-Ban Marks is without Luxottica's permission or authority and in total disregard of Luxottica's rights in and to its trademarks.

36. Defendant's activities are likely to lead to and result in confusion, mistake or deception, and are likely to cause the public to believe that Luxottica has produced, sponsored, authorized, licensed, or is otherwise connected or affiliated with Defendant's commercial and business activities, all to the detriment of Luxottica.

37. Luxottica has no adequate remedy at law.

38. Defendant's egregious conduct in selling infringing merchandise is willful and intentional.

39. In light of the foregoing, Luxottica is entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from using the Ray-Ban Marks, or any trademark identical and/or confusingly similar thereto, and to recover all damages, including attorneys' fees, that Luxottica has sustained and will sustain, and all gains, profits and advantages obtained by Defendant as a result of its infringing acts alleged above in an amount not yet known, and the costs of this action.

**THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

**Federal Trademark Dilution**

**(15 U.S.C. § 1125(c))**

40. Luxottica incorporates herein by reference the averments of the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

41. Luxottica is the exclusive owner of the Ray-Ban Marks.

42. The Ray-Ban Marks are famous and distinctive within the meaning of Section 43(c) of the Lanham Act.

43. The Ray-Ban Marks are inherently distinctive marks that have been in use for many years and play a prominent role in Luxottica's marketing, advertising, and the popularity of its products.

44. The Ray-Ban Marks were famous long before Defendant began using unauthorized reproductions, counterfeits, copies, and/or colorable imitations of the Ray-Ban Marks on infringing merchandise.

45. Defendant has used counterfeit reproductions and/or marks confusingly similar to the Ray-Ban Marks in commerce and in connection with the sale of its products.

46. Consumers are likely to purchase Defendant's infringing products in the erroneous belief that Defendant is affiliated, connected or associated with Luxottica or that Luxottica is the source of the infringing products.

47. Defendant's acts described above have diluted and continue to dilute Luxottica's unique and distinctive trademarks. Defendant's unlawful use of the Ray-Ban Marks in connection with its inferior, infringing goods is also likely to tarnish the Ray-Ban Marks and cause blurring in the minds of consumers between Luxottica and Defendant, thereby lessening the value of the Ray-Ban Marks as unique identifiers of Luxottica's products.

48. These acts violate the Lanham Act, have injured and, unless immediately restrained, will continue to injure Luxottica, causing damage to Luxottica in an amount to be determined at trial, as well as irreparable injury to Luxottica's goodwill and reputation associated with the value of the Ray-Ban Marks.

49. Upon information and belief, Defendant acted knowingly, deliberately and willfully with the intent to trade on Luxottica's reputation and to dilute the Ray-Ban Marks. Defendant's conduct is willful, wanton and egregious.

50. Defendant's acts have caused and will continue to cause irreparable injury to Luxottica. Luxottica has no adequate remedy at law to compensate it fully for the damages that have been caused and which will continue to be caused by Defendant's unlawful acts, unless it is enjoined by this Court.

51. In light of the foregoing, Luxottica is entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from using the Ray-Ban Marks, or any marks confusingly similar thereto, and to recover all damages, including attorneys' fees, that Luxottica has sustained and will sustain, and all gains, profits and advantages obtained by Defendant as a result of its infringing acts alleged above in an amount not yet known, and the costs of this action.

#### **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

##### **Common Law Trademark Infringement**

52. Luxottica incorporates herein by reference the averments of the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

53. Luxottica owns and enjoys common law trademark rights in the Ray-Ban Marks in the state of New Jersey and throughout the United States.

54. Defendant's infringing activities in appropriating rights in Luxottica's common law trademarks are intended to capitalize on Luxottica's goodwill for the purpose of Defendant's own pecuniary gain. Luxottica has expended substantial time, resources and efforts to obtain an excellent reputation for the Ray-Ban brand. As a result

of Luxottica's efforts, Defendant is now unjustly enriched and is benefitting from intellectual property rights that rightfully and exclusively belong to Luxottica.

55. Defendant's infringing use of the Ray-Ban Marks is without Luxottica's permission or authority and in total disregard of Luxottica's rights to control its intellectual property.

56. Defendant's unauthorized use the Ray-Ban Marks has caused and is likely to cause confusion as to the source of Defendant's Counterfeit Products, to the detriment of Luxottica.

57. Defendant's acts are willful, deliberate, and intended to confuse the public and/or to injure Luxottica.

58. Luxottica has been irreparably harmed and will continue to be irreparably harmed as a result of Defendant's aforementioned infringing activities, unless Defendant is permanently enjoined by this Court.

59. Said conduct continues to be inflicted on Luxottica and violates Luxottica's common law trademark rights in the Ray-Ban Marks. Said conduct was and continues to be harmful to Luxottica, and as such Luxottica is entitled to the assessment of increased and punitive damages against Defendant, in an amount to be determined at the trial of this action.

#### **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

##### **Unfair Competition under New Jersey Statutory and Common Law**

**(N.J. Stat. Ann. 56:4-1 and 56:4-2)**

60. Luxottica incorporates herein by reference the averments of the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

61. Defendant's unauthorized use of the Ray-Ban Marks on infringing merchandise in interstate commerce and advertising relating to same constitutes false representation that its goods are manufactured, offered, sponsored, authorized, licensed

by or otherwise connected with Luxottica or come from Luxottica when in fact they do not.

62. Defendant's activities are likely to lead to and result in confusion, mistake or deception, and are likely to cause the public to believe that Luxottica has produced, sponsored, authorized, licensed, or is otherwise connected or affiliated with Defendant's commercial and business activities, all to the detriment of Luxottica.

63. Defendant's infringing use of the Ray-Ban Marks on eyewear constitutes misappropriation of Luxottica's trademarks, brand, reputation, and goodwill under N.J. Stat. Ann. 56:4-1.

64. Defendant's acts are willful, deliberate, and intended to confuse the public and to injure Luxottica.

65. Defendant's actions have caused and will likely continue to cause confusion, mistake and deception among consumers.

66. Defendant's acts have caused and will continue to cause irreparable injury to Luxottica. Luxottica has no adequate remedy at law to compensate it fully for the damages that have been caused and which will continue to be caused by Defendant's unlawful acts, unless it is enjoined by this Court.

67. In light of the foregoing, pursuant to N.J. Stat. Ann. § 56:4-2, Luxottica is entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from using the Ray-Ban Marks, or any marks confusingly similar thereto, and to recover all damages, trebled within the discretion of this Court.

### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

WHEREFORE, Luxottica respectfully prays for judgment against Defendant on all claims, as follows:

1. For entry of an ORDER granting permanent injunctive relief restraining and enjoining Defendant, its officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all those persons or entities in active concert or participation with them from:

(a) manufacturing, importing, advertising, marketing, promoting, supplying, distributing, offering for sale, and/or selling Counterfeit Products and/or any other products that bear the Ray-Ban Marks, or any other marks confusingly similar thereto,

(b) engaging in any other activity constituting unfair competition with Luxottica, or acts and practices that deceive consumers, the public, and/or trade, including without limitation, the use of designations and design elements associated with Luxottica;

(c) engaging in any other activity that will dilute the distinctiveness of the Ray-Ban Marks;

(d) committing any other act which falsely represents or which has the effect of falsely representing that the goods and services of Defendant are licensed by, authorized by, offered by, produced by, sponsored by, or in any other way associated with Luxottica;

2. For entry of an ORDER for an accounting by Defendant of all gains, profits, and/or advantages derived from its infringing acts;

3. For entry of an ORDER directing Defendant to file with this Court and serve on Luxottica within ten (10) days after entry of the injunction a report in writing, under oath setting forth in detail the manner and form in which Defendant has complied with the injunction;

4. For an assessment of the damages suffered by Luxottica, trebled, and an award of all profits that Defendant has derived from using the Ray-Ban Marks, trebled, as well as costs and attorneys' fees to the full extent provided for by Section 35 of the Lanham Act; alternatively, that Luxottica be awarded statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117 of up to \$2 million per trademark counterfeited and infringed, per type of good;

5. For an award of applicable interest amounts, costs, disbursements, and/or attorneys' fees;
6. For an award of punitive damages in connection with its claims under New Jersey law;
7. Such other relief as may be just and proper.

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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff Luxottica Group, S.p.A hereby demands a trial by jury of all claims in this litigation.

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